

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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Thoughts from the President...

It looks like summer is coming up fast. I don't know about you, but I have gone a little crazy buying and planting. It sure feels good to get outside and I'm hoping for no drought this year! I'm also looking forward to the plant swap at Kate Vogel's home next week.

For those that attended the memorial for Randall, it was special! We talked about a couple of things we will do at the extension office to remember him. It won't be difficult for me; he was a good person and friend.

I appreciate Myra Healy for setting up the April meeting with William Cureton, aka Captain Compost. I have seen him before, but always enjoy his information and humor.

We had one more member, Deb Elliott become a certified MG from last year's class. Congratulations and welcome to the group!

Let's remember to recruit for the next class which will begin August 2, 2017. It's not far off and we have to get quite a few more enrolled before the class can be held this year.

Your President,

Rita Forrest

THIS MONTH'S MEETING — FRIDAY, JUNE 9 @ 10:00 AM—PLANT SWAP AT KATE VOGEL'S HOME

Make your way to Kate's farm and bring with you as many of these you choose: plants to swap, a chair (Kate has lots), sunscreen, insect spray, & comfortable shoes. Kate will purchase the hotdogs, chips, drinks, ice & paper goods. **Please bring \$2 - \$3** for Kate's expenses. You can also bring cookies or other treats & ingredients for S'mores! Relax & enjoy a good time roasting hotdogs, swapping plants & enjoying good company. If you choose to participate, the blueberry fields will be open & you can do your own picking for \$10/gallon. Bring a bucket!



Kate warned us – **do not use GPS** because you may not get to her house! Use her directions below.

Directions to Kate's house (5065 W Ashby Rd/Hwy 2, Brierfield, AL): You may either come I-65 South or Hwy 119. From I-65, exit at the Calera Hwy 25 Exit 228. Follow Hwy 25 South to Montevallo. From Hwy 119, you will intersect with Hwy 25 in Montevallo. From Montevallo proceed south on Hwy 25 through Wilton to Hwy 139 (about 3 miles). Turn left on Hwy 139. Proceed about 3 miles until you reach Bibb County Hwy 2 West. Turn right onto Hwy 2 West. Cross the railroad & take the second drive on the right (#5065 at the Vogel Drive sign).

If you get lost, you can call 205-665-5878, but cell reception isn't great.



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SAVE THE DATE
 Next Month's Meeting—Friday, July 14th
 David Doggett will share his knowledge of Aromi Azaleas, Native Hybrids



TREASURER'S REPORT as of 05/20/2017
Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,641.00
0.00	Deposits	
0.00	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,641.00

SCMGA MEETING MINUTES - 12 May 2017

- President Rita Forrest called meeting to order at 10am.
- April 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.
- April 2017 Financial Report was approved as submitted.
- Jan Rogers reported on Randall Robertson's Memorial Service held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Alabama National Cemetery. Jan was pleased with the good turnout from SCMGA. President Forrest asked for moment of silence in remembrance of Randall. Rita requested we install a plaque/sign on the entrance sign to the walking trail/park which was designed, built, and installed by Randall. Furthermore, the rain barrel located near the new raised bed gardens behind extension center was donated by Randall. This too will serve as a memorial for Randall.
- Rita led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Spring 2019 AMGA conference will be sponsored by Chilton County MG's and will be co-sponsored by SCMGA. SCMGA will be responsible for registration. An agreement to this effect was signed, approved by SCMGA at April 2017 meeting. All SCMGA members are encouraged to participate and help as needed.
- An Advisory Council meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Petals from the Past. All members are encouraged to attend. Further info will be sent later.
- Our SCMGA meeting in October will be held Friday, October 13, 2017 @ 6pm and will be at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Columbiana. The Shelby County Cattlemen's Association will cook steaks for us. Costs, etc. will be announced later. No guest speaker will be invited to this meeting.
- Jan Rogers expressed appreciation for all who worked at Aldridge Gardens' recent plant sale. Furthermore, she expressed appreciation on behalf of Diane McKinnon for all those that worked at the "Gone Fishin" event still in progress at Oak Mountain State Park (May 10-12, 2017).
- The Cahaba Lily Festival will be held in West Blocton, AL on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- June 2017 SCMGA meeting will be held at Kate Vogel's farm. This will be our annual plant swap with all previous rules applying. Kate will provide a hot dog lunch. Blueberries will be ripe and ready for picking.
- Elizabeth York wanted to know if we could have t-shirts designed, printed, and sold for SCMGA. It was announced that Monograms Plus in Vestavia Hills would install a MGA monogram on items of your choice.
- Jan Rogers introduced Mr. William Cureton and his wife Peggy to present a program on composting. Mr. Cureton is better known in this area as "Captain Compost". The Captain presented an excellent program on the sciences of making compost. He gave various examples, why's, how-to's, advantages and reasons to convert all our gardens to organic, sustainable gardening. Mr. Cureton makes & sells compost at his farm in Odenville, AL. If you want further info, his website is www.captaincompostalabama.com . You may contact him at (205)903-9756 or by e-mail at curetonw@gmail.com .
- Following the program, door prizes were awarded.
- Jim Strickland gave thanks for the food and all attendees.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
 Wayne Gainey, Secretary

DID YOU KNOW? Anyone can submit articles or pictures to be featured in the monthly *Gardeners' Gab*. The 20th day of the month preceding publication is the deadline. Please email your submissions to Heidee Vansant at heidee.vansant@gmail.com. Please do not submit photos without captions and the names of all people in the photo. Thank you!

FYI: Murry & Wayne Williamson will not be holding an open house/garden this year, but do have plants to share. Anyone interested in visiting should contact them and set up a time.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!

Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



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www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php
www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/
www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
www.scmastergardeners.com/events/

2017 INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE—"Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association will host the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, OR, July 10-14, 2017, with support from many generous sponsors and friends. Find more info on Facebook or at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

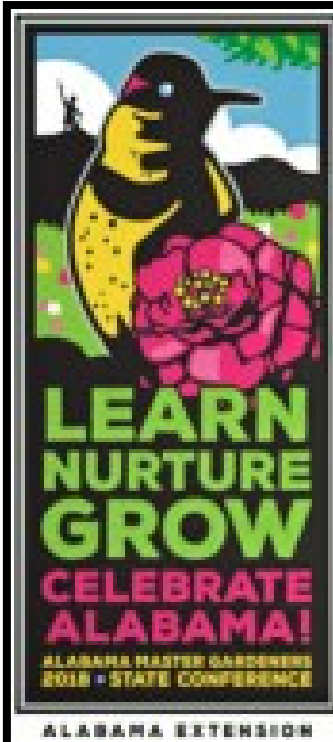


CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- **Master of Ceremonies—Ciscoe Morris** (Author, Radio Host, Television Host, Gardener)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

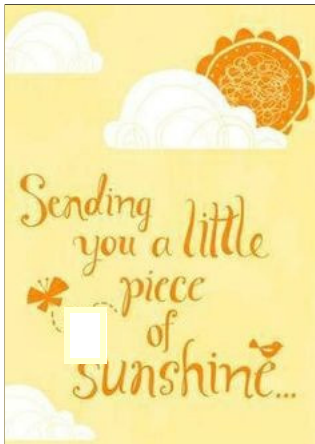
- **Dr. John Marzluff**, Professor of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
- **Dan Hinkley**, Plantsman, Author, Plant Collector, Lecturer
- **Renee Shepherd**, Seed Developer, Gardener, Entrepreneur and Author, Founder and Owner of Renee's Garden.



Alabama Master Gardeners 2018 Conference

May 2 to May 4, 2018
Birmingham

Come Enjoy the Magic City



Please send Pat Hare, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are sick, facing surgery or have lost a loved one. We want to make sure all our members know they are loved and

are a vital part of our organization. Pat will send a card to let the member know we are thinking about them. Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Pat:

Email: pat.hare@outlook.com
Phone: 205-621-3848



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

17—Debra Kattus
27—Karen Jensen

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



Cards sent by Pat Hare during May:

Birthdays:

Rita Forrest

Thank You:

Jan Rogers

Get Well:

Teresa Boody

Sympathy:

Fran Robertson

Help Spread The Sunshine!



The 23rd Annual Exceptional Anglers Event GONE FISHIN', NOT JUST WISHIN' 2017

Shelby County Master Gardeners volunteered at Exceptional Needs Fishing Event—Beth Glasgow and Barbara Williams, Wayne Gainey, Ken and Elizabeth York, Sydney Ellis and others. Not pictured Michelle Hill. Shelby County Master Gardeners partnered with Shelby and Jefferson County 4-H members to assist with this event.



GONE FISHIN'



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Shelby County Master Gardeners attended the 2017 AMGA Conference



The "official" photo, but where is Myra?



There she is!



Recent Master Gardener transfer Ann Thomas did a "Planting for Pollinators" workshop with Karen Jensen's Lay Lake Garden Club on May 19th. Members shared milkweed, bee balm, vinca, and purple coneflower seedlings to produce patio pots that would entice bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



Eager attendees!



Ann Thomas assists a home-schooler.



Karen Jensen shows off her creation.



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JUNE

FRUITS AND NUTS—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

SHRUBS—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

LAWNS—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

BULBS—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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